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1. ON BASIS REF A DISCUSSION WITH GROUP I COUNTRIES DEPT

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ASSUMES THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PROCEEDING ALONG LINES REF B NOW THAT CYPRUS ELECTIONS BEHIND US. WE BELIEVE TIME RIPE TO MOVE FORWARD FIRST WITH UK AND CANADA AND SUBSEQUENTLY, WITH THEIR POSITION IN MIND, WITH ALL GROUP I COUNTRIES TO REQUEST UN STUDY OF WAYS UNFICYP FORCE STRUCTURE CAN BE ALTERED TO ALIGN EXPENSES WITH ANTICIPATED INCOME.

2. REQUEST MISSION HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH UK AND CANADIAN REPS ON BEST MEANS OF APPROACHING SYG. ESSENTIAL POINT IS TO GET SECRETARIAT MOVING TO REVISE 1969 STUDY OF UNFICYP FORCE STRUCTURE SO THAT SYG'S AND/OR UNFICYP COMMANDER'S PROPOSALS CAN BE CONSIDERED BY GROUP I COUNTRIES PRIOR TO EARLY JUNE SC MEETING.

3. IN APPROACHING UK AND CANADIAN REPS AND SYG, YOU MAY WISH MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. AS US AND OTHER SC MEMBERS HAVE SAID IN COUNCIL, WE CANNOT AFFORD AUTOMATICALLY TO EXTEND UNFICYP'S MANDATE INDEFINITELY.

B. ALTHOUGH SYG AND GROUP I CONTRIBUTORS MADE SPECIAL EFFORT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR UNFICYP, VERY FEW OTHER GOVERNMENTS WERE FORTHCOMING, AND WE PROJECT 1973 UNFICYP DEFICIT OF DOLS 3 MILLION IN ADDITION TO ACCUMULATED DEFICIT OF DOLS 13.6 MILLION. WE BELIEVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN TO REDUCING SIZE AND COSTS OF UNFICYP TO BRING THEM IN LINE WITH REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS OF AVAILABLE FUNDING.

C. US MILDLY ENCOURAGED BY COURSE OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. WE WOULD OF COURSE TAKE CLOSE LOOK AT OVERALL SITUATION REGARDING CYPRUS BEFORE FORMALLY PROPOSING REDUCTIONS ACTUALLY BE CARRIED OUT.

D. WE INCLINED BELIEVE THAT BY REDEPLOYING AND INCREASING MOBILITY OF TROOPS SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS COULD BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT ALTERING UNFICYP'S MANDATE. HOWEVER, WE WOULD WISH UNSYG NOT BE RESTRICTED TO STUDYING UNFICYP'S
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ROLE AS PEACEKEEPING FORCE BUT ALSO BE FREE TO ASSESS

PRACTICAL STEPS TRANSFORMING UNFICYP TO OBSERVER FORCE.

E. SYG STUDY SHOULD INCLUDE SUGGESTIONS ON
MODALITIES OF ACHIEVING REDUCTIONS.

F. OUR REQUEST FOR STUDY IS PROMPTED SOLELY BY
CONTINUING FINANCIAL DEFICIT.

G. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BRITISH AND CANADIAN VIEWS
ON HOW BEST TO ENLIST HELP OF GROUP I COUNTRIES.

4. FOR LONDON AND OTTAWA: PLEASE RELAY US THINKING ON
UNFICYP AS OUTLINED ABOVE.

5. WE WILL ASSESS RESULTS TALKS WITH UK AND CANADIANS
BEFORE FORMULATING APPROACH TO OTHER GROUP I COUNTRIES. ROGERS

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